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**Sent:** 9/14/2021 6:44:38 PM  
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**Subject:** FW: Just so you know, Dunker is appealing the expedited processing of his current reuest..... Wording is below. Joan Kaminer is working it.

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**From:** Stevens, Edie <Stevens.Edie@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 14, 2021 1:44 PM  
**To:** Stillwagon, Angela <Stillwagon.Angela@epa.gov>  
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"Dear EPA National FOIA Office:

Please consider this appeal of an expedited processing denial your office issued on Sept. 8, 2021 for a FOIA request (EPA-R7-2021-006415) made Sept. 7, 2021. I am a member of the news media whose duties include disseminating information about cleanup of the AltEn ethanol plant near Mead, Nebraska, to our tens of thousands of readers as well as the broader public.

Your office recently provided records (EPA-2021-002731) related to this same issue, however, those records came before action taken by the state and involvement by private companies to mitigate AltEn, which poses a threat to the environment and human health.

There is an urgency to inform the public of how the EPA was engaged between Feb. 23, 2021 and Sept. 7, 2021 before a remedial action plan for cleaning up the site is submitted by six agricultural chemical companies on Nov. 1, 2021, a deadline set by the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy. The plan would then be made available for public review before it is given approval by the state.

At town halls in April 2021 and July 2021, community members have inquired why EPA has not been engaged in the cleanup. The state and local officials who have hosted those townhalls have been unable to provide an answer, which creates a compelling need for these documents to be disseminated to the public before the public comment period opens.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Chris Dunker"

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